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The manner of the discovering the
KING at Southwell, on Tuesday the
5. of April, 1646. who is now in
the Parliaments Quarters be-
fore Newarke.



Banbury taken in, with the Ordnance,
Armes, and Ammunition.

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The Treaty with *Sir Charles Compton*
from OXFORD.

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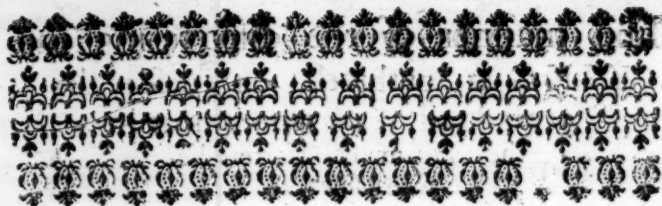
The Copie of *Sir Thomas Fairfax's*
Proclamation, commanded to be read
in all Churches neere *Oxford*.

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The Copie of the Summons sent to
LUDLOW, and the Governours Answer:
And a Copie of Colonel *Birch* his Letter.

*These are commanded to be printed by the Originall papers,
and published according to Order of Parliament.*

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fore Newark,*

ON *Tuesday* the fifth of April, 1646. Ge-
nerall *Leven* having notice of the Kings
being at *Southwell* in *Nottingham shire*, with
the French Agent in the Scots Quarters, ac-
quainted the English Commissioners there-
with, by two Commissioners sent for that
purpose; As also that he had way-laid the
rown in severall places, that so His Majestie
might not go away: the Commissioners of
both Kingdomes sent up to *London* to ac-
quaint the Parliament of *England* therewith,
and to know their pleasures therein; this it
is hoped, will be the sudden peace of these
Kingdomes, which God grant.

Colonell



Colonell Birch his Letter.



I R, In order to that Command, which the Right Honourable, the Committee of both Kingdoms were pleased to entrust me with, I have laid close siege to *Ludlow*; and doubt not, but to give such an account of it, considering the shortness of the time I have been before it, and the strength of the place, may be expected from me; whose endeavours are ambitious in nothing more then to serve the Publique, and really manifest my self

*Your most thankfull, and ableidged
Servant,*

J. BIRCH.

Colonell Birch his Summons to Ludlow Castle.

Gentlemen, It is far from my desire to be an occasion of shedding of blood, or ruining the 'estates of any; And for that I conceive your selves are sensible of the danger of both, in case we proceed on without restraint of that violence which the Souldiers will be ready to execute (which I hope you will joyn with me to prevent) I have thought good out of my reall affection unto, and earnest desire of your preservation, To let you know, that it is yet in your power to prevent your own totall ruine,

and in my power to grant you such tearmes, as may be honourable to the Military part, and profitable to those who have other resolutions then to live by their swords. And that which makes me confident that you cannot reject this opportunity, is, That if you shall, you are so farre from doing that, which otherwise in honour you are bound, that in this case (which you are not ignorant of) you make your selves, and all others who shall put themselves under your protection, uncapable of any thing but extremity; there being neither any visible force in the Field, nor any Garrison unbesieged, which can yeeld you the least hopes of reliefe. I need not tell you of Exeter, Barnstable, the Mount, and sundry other places of strength, maintained by men of honour, who have conceived it prudence (and not without good reason) to make those places happy by tearmes of honour, which they knew they must make miserable by refusing the opportunity offered. For an example of the latter you need not seek far to find those who have not onely to their great dishonour destroyed utterly those under their protection, but have now thankfully within few dayes embraced such tearmes, as that their lives are at the Parliaments mercy: Their owne unadvisednesse having been such, that they had very neere made the Besiegers uncapable of granting them that. And if you shal not now yeeld unto this Summons, which in the name of both Houses of Parliament I send you, for the delivery of this Towne and Castle of *Ludlow* unto me, for them who have found it necessary for the good of His Majesty and Kingdome, to command the same, but shall make me by your delay (which is the best you can promise) also by a superiour command uncapable of giving you that which now I offer, and that all kind of misery follow which the sword necessarily brings with it, I beseech you impute it not to him, who willingly sh^{all} approve himselfe

*From my Leaguer this
2. of April, 1646.*

*Your very loving friend,
J. Birch.*

[Gentlemen, the weightinesse of this businesse is such, that I conceive it will require some time of consultation; and I am loth to debar you of that, or any thing else that may tend to your safety; therefore it shall content me to receive your Answer to morrow by 12. of the Clock: And in the meane time, if you desire it, all

acts

acts of Hostility shall be forborne on the behalf of

*For Sir Mich: Woodhouse, Governour of the Towne and Castle of
Ludlow, and the Bailiffes and Aldermen of the same Towne.*

The Governours Answer.

Sir,

I Received yours, directed to many, but finding my selfe particularly entrusted by His Majesties Commission in what you demand, I returne this to your severall Objections. As for the avoiding of blood-shed, or ruine of any, I shall ever endeavour it, so farre as my condition affords in discharge of that trust reposed in me, and shall be assenting to what may procure the same, as befits the loyalty of a subject, and faith of a Soldier, resolving to sacrifice all, rather then to violate either, but shall willingly embrace any generall preservation. Sir, you seeme to be carefull of us in this Garrison, but in following this your advice, I and the rest shall forfeit more then we can regaine; but your civility obliges, wherein a souldier may requite, I cannot admit of your severall reasons for delivery of this place, neither are the actions of others cited by you, without farther consideration, any warrantable president at all for me. As for the tearmes that others have had which you call Honorable, I cannot find any at all Honorable for me, at this present, without receiving His Majesties Command for what I act. Indeed I wonder this Garrison should be demanded of me, for I have been certainly informed that His Majesty hath made a free offer of it himselfe to the Parliament, and in delivering of it, I might prevent His Majesties intention, and prejudice you, for doubtlesse it should be

more acceptable from the Master, then the Servant; As for any under my protection, I shall endeavour their preservation as my own, and what ruine or extremitie shall happen, doubtlesse it will be imputed to the Actors of it: As for your Summons to this Town and Castle, I cannot assent unto it, neither with my allegiance, or honour of a Souldier, in the condition I am now in to resist you; but to shew my self willing to avoid the appearance of ruine, which must necessarily fall upon many, if extremitie be made choice of, I shal willingly condescend to what may avoid it, as befits a Souldier, and shall if you condescend unto it send two Gentlemen to the King to know his pleasure, which I conceive will be the easiest way for both Parties, Sir, to this I desire your answer, and rest

Your humble Servant,

Ludlow Castle, May 2.

1646.

M. WOODHOUSE,

Postscript.

Sir, I desire that this Trumpeter upon the delivery of the Letter, may be returned, and I shall be ready to receive your Answer, when you shall be pleased to send it.

For Colonell John Birch these,

SIR, On Friday the 1. of this instant May, the Generall faced Oxford within musket shot of the works; the Enemy onely looked on us: that night the Gen. quartered at Garlington, on Saturday the 2. the Generall marched to Heddington, within a mile of Oxford, which for ought I know, will be the place for the Head-quarters, till Oxford be surrendered, or taken by storm: we have set out severall Posts, viz. at Heddington, two Regiments, the Generalls and Col. Overtons: At Marston two Regiments, Major Gen. Skippons, and Col. Harlowes: At Cowly two Regiments, Sir Hardresse VVallers, and Col. Herberts, The Train of Artillery is at Elisfield. Prince Rupert

pert sent a Letter to Col. Trever, to have liberty for himself and others to be admitted to passe forth, for their liberty and safety, as many as can steal away. The Lord St. Paul, the Lord Storton, the Lady Digby, and the Countesse of Hartford, and others of quality would faine come in; but the Generall will treat only for the surrender, and all together, where His Majesty is, neither we, nor the Souldiery in Oxford can tell. Last VVednesday they kept a Fast in Oxford, and then the Priests told them in their Pulpits, that the King is gone to London; but their eyes being opened by a few dayes experience, I beleive they will be willing to surrender Oxford. The Generall hath sent Col. VVeldens Forces to block up VVallingford on the one side, as the Forces from Reading & Henley do it on the other: On Sunday the third of this instant, we took some Packets that came from London directed to the King, and others. This day a great part of the Enemies Foot came over the Bridge, and made a flourish on this side the River; but we no sooner began to move, but they immediately vanished: we are raising a VVork within musket shot of the Enemies VVorks of Oxford, they have shot two pieces at us, but done us no harme at all. Sir Marmaduke Roydon the Governour of Farringdon is dead. I have sent you here inclosed, the Copy of a Proclamation that was published in all the adjacent Parishes neer Oxford, by order from the Generall.

Heddington the 4 of May,

Your Servant,

1646.

W. T.

Sir Charles Compton hath come from Oxford to treat with the Generall for Sir VVilliam Compton about Banbury, and agreed, that it shall be surrendred, with all the Ornanace, Armes, and Ammunition, to Colonell VVhaley for the use of the Parliament.

By

By Sir Thomas Fairfax, Knight, Commander in Chiefe
of the Parliaments Forces.

VV Hereas I have appointed a free Market to be kept every day in the weeke (the Lords day excepted) at the Leaguer before Oxford: I doe therefore hereby strictly Charge and Command all and every the Inhabitants of the Countyes of Oxford and Berks within two miles of the said Leaguer to provide and bring in or cause to be brought into the head quarters in the way of a free market, competent provisions of Corne, Flesh, Cheese, Bread, Butter, Hay, Oates, Beanes, and all other kind of Victuals, provisions, and other necessaries for the use of the Army, for which they shall receive ready money, and herein I expect their ready conformity, as they tender the service of the State, and will answer the contrary at their perill.

And for their better encouragement, I do hereby strictly charge and command all Officers and soldiers, and other persons whatsoever, that they do not presume upon any pretence whatsoever, to stop, seize, impropse or take away any of the horses, cattile, or goods, passing or repassing, to and from the said market, upon pain of death without mercy, and touching the regulating of the said market, and for the preventing of disorder therein, I do by these presents prohibit all forestalling, and retailing in the same: commanding that no souldier, or other person or persons whatsoever, presume to buy, or cause to be bought, any provisions, or things whatsoever, comming towards the said market to be sold there, before the same be in the head quarters, to be sold in the open market, upon the forfeiture of the value of the goods so by him or them bought, and suffer punishment, as by the Councell of War.

Given under my hand and seale, at Haddington this 4. day of
May, 1646.

T. FAIRFAX.

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